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Please enter the following response to the Office Action mailed December 20, 2001.

REMARKS

Applicant hereby elects the first group of claims (claims 1-22) for further prosecution in view of the restriction requirement in the Office Action.

Applicant also notes the requirement to identify claims which are readable on an elected species; the Office Action specified four (4) patentably distinct species [(a) Figures 1A-4B; (b) Figure 5A; (c) Figure 5B; and (d) Figure 6]. Applicant hereby elects the first species (Figures 1A, 1B, 2, 3A, 3B, 4A and 4B), and Applicant notes that at least claims 1-13 are readable on this elected species.

Respectfully submitted,

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